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Art Unit 2817

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/830,112; Filed: April 23, 2004

Interpolating Programmable Gain Attenuator

Inventors: Westra et al. 1875.4860001 Our Ref:

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
- 2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Communication dated September 26, 2005, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of **Group I**, represented by claims 1-11. Applicants also elect the species represented by FIG. 4. Applicants also assert that Figures 5-7 also further define examples of the selected species. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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